

## Recreational Opportunities:

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting – Shooting Range – Wildlife Viewing

*Conservation Areas are closed from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.*

- No littering, no fireworks, no open fires, except in designated areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to graveled roadways and parking areas.
- Camping is permitted only in designated areas and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period - 30-day maximum stay per year. Groups of 10 or more must obtain a special-use permit.
- Bicycles and horseback riding are permitted only on roads open to vehicles.
- Target shooting is allowed on designated shooting range only. Shooting times are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while on the shooting ranges or adjoining parking lots.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are not allowed.

## Fishing and Boating:

*Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.*

- On lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.
- On lakes and ponds, daily limits are six black bass, four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish) and 30 crappie. All other fish, statewide limits, but may not exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- On lakes and ponds, all black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snarring, grabbing, pole and line, a twenty-two (.22) caliber or smaller rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, or crossbow and only on waters and within dates and hours those water are open to fishing

or hunting.

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all impounded waters and their discharge channels.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.
- Electric motors only are allowed on area ponds.

## Hunting and Trapping:

*Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.*

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: archery antlerless and firearms antlerless permits may not be used.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled with the name and address, or Conservation Number, of the user and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw in steps or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only by special use permit.

### For local information, contact:

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Albany, MO 64402  
660/726-3746  
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701 James McCarthy Drive  
St. Joseph, MO 64507  
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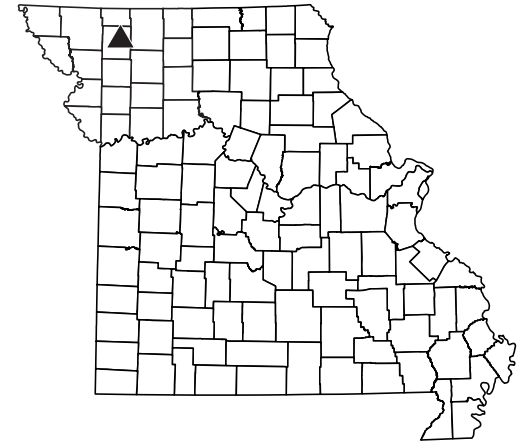
*Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.*

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at [www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp).) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

# Elam Bend

## CONSERVATION AREA



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